

**Home Visiting Task Force Meeting  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**MINUTES**

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**Welcome and Introductions**

- Gaylord Gieseke is transitioning out of her role as President of Voices for Illinois Children and will remain in her role as co-chair of the Task Force.
- The February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

**Mothers and Babies**

- Dr. Darius Tandon and Erin Ward presented on the implementation of the Mothers and Babies (MB) course in Illinois to address depression in home visiting clients.
- Over the last five years, Dr. Tandon has worked with home visiting programs to integrate the MB course into programs as a strategy to prevent the onset and worsening of depressive symptoms among women at risk for developing major depression.
- Initially implemented as a group-based intervention, MB draws on proven cognitive-behavioral and psychoeducational approaches to promote healthy mood management.
- Home visitors find MB very useful in working with participants, which has generated considerable interest from HV programs. However, many HV programs experienced difficulty implementing the MB course in a group format given logistical challenges such as transportation and childcare. In response, MIECHV enabled an adaption of the MB course for use via 1-on-1 delivery that home visitors can integrate into the course of a regular home visit or deliver as supplemental sessions.
- MIECHV funding enabled training for 92 home visitors from 19 Illinois HV programs on the MB 1-on-1 course.
- There are currently two research projects associated with the MB course: one studying whether the MB 1-on-1 course improves maternal mental health and parenting outcomes, and another examining how different models of supervision for the MB course affect feasibility and acceptability of MB implementation.
- See PowerPoint presentation for additional information.

**HVTF Vision for Home Visiting in Illinois**

- Last year, the Task Force was presented with recommendations to improve the quality of the home visiting system in Illinois, stemming from two summits that were held across the State for home visiting staff and funders.
- The Task Force recommended that a group formulate a vision for home visiting in Illinois that could be added to the Executive Summary of this document. A group of HVTF members led by Teresa Kelly and including representatives from GOECD, ISBE, DHS, and CPS formulated a proposal.

- This proposal was shared with the Executive Committee in January, which provided feedback that has been integrated into the vision statement.
- Feedback:
  - Add a section at the beginning of the document providing an overview of the Home Visiting Task Force and context for the purpose of the vision statement.
  - Add emphasis on outreach and enrollment efforts, and universal newborn supports.
- The document will be distributed to the full HVTF to garner any additional feedback before it is finalized.

#### **MIECHV FY14 Data and Updates**

- The 2014 MIECHV Annual Report outlines Illinois' performance in the six MIECHV benchmarks, and provides recommendations for how MIECHV can continue to improve.
- Illinois has demonstrated improvement in five of the six benchmarks and, therefore, has met the grant requirement. The benchmark in which Illinois did not see improvement in at least half of the constructs was Benchmark 2: Reduction in Child Injuries, Neglect, and Emergency Department visits. The MIECHV team will conduct further exploration to determine why this benchmark did not show improvement.
- Improvements include a better data system, reduced turnover rates of home visiting staff, and increased parent-child interaction skills.
- See report for additional information.

#### **Wrap Up and Next Steps**

- The next meeting of the full Task Force is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Andrea Palmer will share information about the COIIN initiative to reduce infant mortality.
- If you have any agenda items or ideas, or resources to share between meetings, please send those to Anna.